

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 2 without prejudice.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for inducing pain relief in a mammal comprising administering to a mammal in need of pain relief a pain-relieving amount of a composition comprising ~~an imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine~~ N,N,6-trimethyl-2-p-tolyl-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-3-acetamide (zolpidem) in a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, wherein said drug is administered orally or topically.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said ~~imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine~~ N,N,6-trimethyl-2-p-tolyl-imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine-3-acetamide (zolpidem) is zolpidem tartrate.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine composition is administered orally.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said imidazo[1,2-a]pyridine is administered topically.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said pain is chronic pain.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said pain is caused by cancer.

8. (Original) The method of claim 7 wherein said cancer is a metastatic cancer.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said composition further comprises a

stimulant.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 9 wherein said stimulant is a member selected from the group consisting of ~~ritalin~~ ritalin and provigil.

11. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said mammal is a human patient.